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OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

6. (Amended) An optical pickup device as defined in Claim 1, wherein said control means controls the focal length of the laser beam in the focusing direction.

7. (Amended) An optical pickup device as defined in Claim 1, wherein said control means controls the focal direction of the laser beam in the tracking direction.

8. (Amended) An optical pickup device as defined in Claim 1 wherein, said control means controls, simultaneously, the focal length of the laser beam in the focusing direction, and the focal direction of the laser beam in the tracking direction.

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